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## Night Riders Denounced-- Farmers all over State Condemn Use of Lawless Methods.

The News and Courier of Thursday contained reports from its various correspondents throughout the State, giving the views of leading members of the Farmers' Union and other representative farmers on the attempts to intimidate cotton ginners. Without a single exception the night riders are condemned in unequivocal terms, and it is made clear that the farmers of the State have no sympathy whatever with their lawless methods.

The report from Lancaster is as follows:

While it is rumored that three or four ginners in this county have been warned not to gin cotton no authentic case of the sort has been reported. In fact, the matter is regarded here more in the light of a joke. In one instance, at least, it has turned out that a ginner was "notified" by friends, who wished to tease him.

W. P. Caskey, chairman of the executive committee of the County Farmers' Union, who is in close touch with its membership throughout the county, was asked this afternoon for an expression of opinion as to the attempt of "Night Riders" to terrorize ginners. He said he knew of his own knowledge that the Farmers' Union has nothing whatever to do with this so-called night riding business. The organization is a body of law-abiding citizens, men who would not for a moment tolerate, much less instigate or encourage, lawlessness in any shape or form.

The Union encourages the holding of cotton for better prices, but in a legitimate way. It believes in having cotton ginned and ware housed so that those who are in debt can borrow money on their cotton and pay their obligations. Those guilty of trying to intimidate ginners are irresponsible, lawless persons wanting to create excitement of some kind in their community, or else they are enemies of the Union and are resorting to such methods for the purpose of discrediting the organization.

Later President E. B. Lingle, of the County Farmers' Union, was asked what he thought about the matter, and he expressed practically the same views as those of Mr. Caskey.

"If there are any night riders in the Union I don't know it," said Mr. Lingle.

He went on to say that the organization would not stand for any such conduct. "Why," said he, "we want the cotton ginned. We are building ware houses to store cotton, and how can we store it unless it is ginned?"

## North Carolina Farmers Condemn "Night Riders"

Charlotte Observer of Thursday: Mill men and others interested in the cotton trade are still talking of the threatening letter sent by unknown parties to the manager of the Southern Cotton Oil ginnery at Shelby last Saturday. The uppermost feature in the public mind just at this time is the question as to whether or not the farmers of Cleveland county had anything to do with the matter. While there is small belief that they did, an Observer man asked Mr. C. C. Moore, former president of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association,

and one of the best posted citizens in the State, as to what he thought about it. Mr. Moore said that he had met with and talked to a great number of farmers within the past several days and that every one without exception had condemned the Shelby affair without reservation. Not one believed that the farmers of Cleveland county had anything to do with it and all expressed themselves in favor of signing resolutions condemning "night riding."

## Gov. Ansel After Night Riders

Columbia special in the Charlotte Observer of Thursday: Governor Ansel is determined not to let night riding get any start in this state. To-night he wrote Sheriff Gilreath at Greenville an emphatic letter regarding the Williamson gin incident, saying:

"Please make a thorough investigation of this matter at once and if you can ascertain who the parties are, see that they are prosecuted and brought to justice. If this report be true, it is a species of lawlessness which must be handled at once and the perpetrator of it be made to learn the lesson that this is a free country of law and order, and that every one must be protected in his property as well as his person from the lawless. Give the matter your immediate attention and very much oblige,"

—M. F. Ansel  
Governor

## The Registered Voters of Lancaster County--The Number at each Precinct.

Chairman W. G. A. Porter, of the county board of registration, has on behalf of the board kindly furnished us at our request with the list below of the number of voters registered at the various precincts in the county. The commissioners of registration completed their rounds of the county some days ago, and if any persons entitled to register have failed to do so, they will have but one more opportunity to obtain certificates, and that is on Oct. 2, on which day the board will hold its final meeting before the November election. The meeting will be held at the registration office here, the books being opened for registration at 9 o'clock a. m. Remember, no certificates will be issued after Oct. 2.

The board has done its duty faithfully and well. No effort has been spared to get the voters to register this year as required by law. Of the number thus far registered, 2561, probably not exceeding 100 are colored voters. The colored people have taken comparatively little interest in the matter.

The following is the registration according to voting precincts:

Van Wyck..... 49	Taxahaw..... 93
Thornwell..... 11	Elgin..... 57
Primus..... 104	Jacksonham..... 33
Cotton Mill..... 190	Douglas..... 45
Montgomery..... 11	Haile Mine..... 87
Carmel..... 79	Belair..... 88
Lancaster..... 606	Flat Creek..... 43
Heath Springs..... 283	New Cut..... 101
Welsh's..... 128	Lindsay..... 22
Dwight..... 125	Pleas. Valley..... 49
Tradesville..... 126	Antioch..... 55
Kershaw..... 176	Total..... 2561

Richmond, Va., Sept. 23.—The Bank of Crozet, at Crozet, Va., Albemarle county, was robbed last night of \$800, the deposits of the day. The robbery was evidently the work of professionals.

## A Farmers' Union Takes Offence when None was Intended.

Editor Lancaster News: There appears in the issue of the 19th instant of your heretofore highly esteemed sheet a purported telegram from Aiken farmers to E. D. Smith which we need not produce here, for it is vividly fixed in the minds of all farmers who read it. We the farmers of the Antioch union feel very keenly the slur as we believe that was intended by those designing persons who were the instigators of the purported telegram. And we have resolved in session that we cannot afford to support a paper that publishes slurs cast at farmers by ill designing persons in order to try to humiliate the farmer who is the bone and sinew of the country. We hope that you will not copy such matter when on its face it bears the appearance of slurs cast at the farmer. The farmer has started out to win and by the help of the Eternal God we will do it.

C. P. Caskey, for Com.

## Kershaw Makes Another Contribution to Bryan Fund.

Kershaw's public spirited and patriotic citizens have made another contribution to the Bryan campaign fund as will appear from the following published in Thursday's State: We, the undersigned citizens of Kershaw, subscribe the amount opposite our respective names to the Democratic campaign fund, trusting that it, together with the many other subscriptions that may be received, shall be the means of assuring a great Democratic victory.

J. T. Stevens.....	\$3.00
J. R. Magill.....	1.00
Dr. W. C. McDowell.....	1.00
E. N. Truesdale.....	1.00
O. A. Jeffcoat.....	.25
L. A. Baker.....	1.00
R. M. Perry.....	1.00
Hayes & Gregory.....	1.50
T. C. Clyburn.....	1.00
L. J. Jordan.....	1.00
D. E. Cator.....	1.00
E. M. Estridge.....	1.00
G. Hamrick.....	1.00
Dr. W. C. Twitty.....	1.00
T. J. Gregory.....	1.00
T. C. Nelson.....	1.00
E. D. Blakeney.....	1.00
J. A. McCaskill.....	1.00
J. W. Ingram.....	.50
S. J. Benton.....	1.00
W. B. Threault.....	1.00
G. C. Heath.....	1.00
Jno. R. Falle.....	.50
J. W. Cunningham.....	.25
The Kershaw Era.....	1.00
Total.....	\$25.00

## Given 30 Years for Brutal Murder of his Aunt

New York, Sept. 24.—Gustave Eberhardt, on trial in Hackensack for the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Ottilie Eberhardt, whom he lured from Germany, together with her daughter, Miss Ottilie, for the purpose of robbery, was today sentenced to thirty years in states prison at hard labor.

Eberhardt persuaded his aunt to sell her property in Vienna, Austria, and come to New York, with her daughter, sending her glowing descriptions of his own success and of the ease with which money could be made here. He was then employed as a clerk in a grocery store in Harlem. When his aunt and cousin arrived Eberhardt took them to a hotel, where he obtained rooms for them. Mrs. Eberhardt had between \$2,500 and \$3,000 in cash, which she carried in the bosom of her dress. On July 18, Eberhardt told the

two women he was going to take them for a trolley ride in the country. When they got into New Jersey late in the evening, Eberhardt took them to a lonely spot near Rochelle Park and tried to kill them both. He shot Mrs. Eberhardt to death and fired two shots at the young girl. One bullet was deflected by a corset steel, making a slight flesh wound, and the other lodged in her hat. She ran and found refuge in a farm house.

Eberhardt stripped the body of his aunt, and possessed himself of her money, which he buried. He had been hiding for several days when he was caught.

## Bryan Rebukes Roosevelt and Demands Proof of Charges against Haskell.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 22.—The most sensational development in the political campaign was the sending today by William J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for President, of a telegram to President Roosevelt demanding that he produce proof that Governor Charles N. Haskell, of Oklahoma, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, ever was connected with the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. Bryan serves notice on the President that as the candidate of Democratic party "I shall not permit any responsible members of the Republican organization to misrepresent the Democratic party in the present campaign."

The telegram concludes with the statement that the Democratic party is making "an honest and honorable fight in defense of its principles and policies, and will demand honorable treatment from those who are in charge of the Republican campaign."

## Georgia Ginners Talk Over Night Riders' Warning.

Lawrenceville, Ga., special in Atlanta Journal: In response to a call issued last Friday twenty-seven ginners met in the court house here Monday to take necessary action concerning rumors of notices and warnings posted by so-called "night riders."

From the best information obtainable only two notices have been posted in the county and they are within a narrow radius north of Lawrenceville.

The meeting adjourned without passing any resolutions, it being considered that the present status of affairs did not warrant further action or justify any undue fears or excitement.

A large majority of those present were members of Farmers' union, and each individual condemned any effort at lawlessness of the sort indicated by the notices heretofore posted. Both notices posted were written in pencil and read as follows: "Twelve cents cotton notice. Fake warning this to all ginners do not gin 8-cent cotton. Don't move a wheel. We mean this."

## 400 Mills Idle.

Manchester, England, Sept. 23.—More than 400 cotton mills in Lancashire are idle as the result of a dispute over wages between operatives and employers.

This means that 40,000,000 spindles are wholly or partly stopped, that more than \$250,000,000 of capital is not bringing in any return, and that 140,000 operatives are without work and losing something over \$700,000 in wages a week.

## Boys and Cigarettes--The News' Views Endorsed.

From the Kershaw Era.

Editor Connors had a most timely editorial in the last Saturday's issue of the Lancaster News on the subject of "Boys and Cigarettes," in which he calls the attention of merchants and all other persons to the provision in the Act making it unlawful for any one to sell or give cigarettes, tobacco or cigarette paper to a minor. The Act reads as follows:

Code 1902, Section 329. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons, either by himself or themselves to sell, furnish, give or provide any minor or minors, under the age of 18 years, with cigarettes, tobacco or cigarette paper, or any substitute therefor.

The penalty is a fine of not exceeding \$100, nor less than \$25, or imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, nor less than two months, or both, in the discretion of the Court, one-half of the fine to be paid to the informer and the other half to go to the county in which the conviction is had.

We are sure that the violations of this law are largely on account of ignorance of it, and it is well enough that the attention should be called to it. Almost any day boys, from little tots up, both black and white, can be seen on the streets of any town puffing cigarettes, paying the way for affected lungs, loss of health and diseased minds. If the practice can be broken up it should be done.

## To Give Bryan an Old Gray Mule.

Petersburg, Ind., Sept. 24.—William Berridge, proprietor of the Petersburg Mantel works, owns a gray mule 39 years old which he has named Maud Berridge. He has great confidence in Bryan and a number of his Republican friends have agreed to present him with a rubber tired buggy, together with harness, if he would, in case of Bryan's election, go to Washington with Maud to attend the Commoner's inauguration.

Berridge promised his friends that in case of Bryan's election he would not only go to Washington, but after he got there, he would present the whole outfit to Bryan.

## Night Riding to be Checked in Mississippi at any Cost

New Orleans, Sept. 23.—Gov. E. F. Noel of Mississippi, speaking of the possible growth of night riding in the cotton belt, said today that if necessary he would call on the federal government for troops to stop such raids. He would first use State troops, Mr. Noel said, and finally seek federal aid to restrain lawlessness at any cost. He added that he expected night riding to stop without military interference.

## Ex-Sheriff Killed by Tree

Dallas, Ga., special in Atlanta Journal: Isaac Williams a former sheriff of Paulding county, was accidentally killed near Yorkville, in this county, last night, while coon hunting.

He was cutting down a tree when the top of a tree standing near fell upon him, causing his death.